

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner considered the application contained claims directed to the following four inventions. These are:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>
I.	1 - 13	fire retardant tissue paper adhesive
II.	14 - 20	method of making the tissue paper
III.	21 - 23	aqueous dispersion of inorganic flame-retardants
IV.	24 - 25	apparatus for preparing the tissue.

The Examiner concludes that the inventions are distinct.

Applicant respectfully elects Group II, claims 14 - 20 directed to the method of preparation for examination, with traverse and requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement. The process is directed to the manufacture of the fire retardant adhesive tissue product of Group I claims. Similarly, Group III claims 21 - 23 are directed to the aqueous dispersion utilized in the methods of Group II to make the product of Group I. Finally, the same is true with respect to apparatus claims 24 and 25 in Group IV. This apparatus is particularly well-suited to use the aqueous dispersion of Group III and the method of Group II for manufacture of the tissue of Group I.

Thus, the claims in all the groups are related. In view of this applicant respectfully submits that in order for the Examiner to do a complete search of the method of Group II, it necessarily will include a search to the product of Group I and aqueous dispersion of Group III utilized to practice the method of Group II in connection with the apparatus of Group IV. In view of the related nature of the claims, applicant respectfully requests that all the claims be examined in this single application.

Upon examination of at least Group II, claims 14 - 20, applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application at an early date with a view towards issuing a favorable action thereon. If upon review of the application, the Examiner is unable

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to issue an immediate Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney with a view towards resolving the outstanding issues.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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